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FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN COMMONS MAY 6.

DIEFENBAKER: QUOTE I DIRECT QUESTION TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN CONNECTION WITH COMPLAINTS THAT CANADIAN CITIZEN EERIK HEINE HAS HAD HIS REPUTATION BANDIED ABOUT BY CIA AS HAVING BEEN COMMUNIST. I ASKED WHAT ACTION GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING TO PROTECT GOOD NAMES OF CANADIANS AND SECSTATE FOR EXTAFF SAID MATTER WAS BEING TAKEN UP WITH AUTHORITIES IN U.S. I ASK HIM WHETHER STRONG-EST POSSIBLE PROTEST HAS BEEN MADE TO THIS MOST UNJUSTIFIABLE

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WAY OF ASSASSINATING REPUTATION OF A GOOD CANADIAN. UNQUOTE MARTIN: QUOTE THE MATTER TO WHICH MY HON. FRIEND DIRECTS HIS QUESTION THIS MORNING WAS ALSO RAISED BY HIM THREE DAYS AGO. I INDICATED THEN WE WERE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH U.S. IN THIS SITUATION JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARE OF COURSE INVOLVED. I WOULD SHARE MY HON. FRIENDS'S CONCERN IF THE FACTS AS THEY EVENTUALLY APPEAR WARRANT THE CONCLUSION HE HAS PLACED UPON THEM. IN ANY EVENT, MY HON. FRIEND MAY BE ASSURED THAT MATTER IS RECEIVING OUR ATTENTION. I HOPE I SHALL BE ABLE SOME TIME LATER TO GIVE A DEFINITE ANSWER WITH REGARD TO ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE QUESTION WHICH HE ASKED THREE DAY AGO. UNQUOTE. BUTTERWORTH BT

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